

WEATHER.  
Rain today and possibly  
Thursday; not much change  
in temperature.

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## BECKER ASSAILS GOV. MARSHALL

Hammond's Mayor Arouses Democracy and Lines Up with Mayor Knotts Against the Executive

### INDIANA SURPRISED

Hammond Man Tries to Boom Shively for Presidential Nomination.

TIMES BUREAU,  
AT STATE CAPITAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 12.—Since Mayor Lawrence Becker, of Hammond, joined hands with Tom Knotts of Gary and jumped over the traces at the Jackson day banquet at Lafayette and denounced Governor Marshall in the scathing terms which he used, it is difficult to see at this stage of the game how Marshall can even hope to go before the next democratic national convention with the solid support of the Indiana Democracy at his back as a candidate for the nomination for president.

Becker's speech is the sensation of the season in democratic political circles here for in it he not only denounced Marshall but also the five miles back of the state capital.

Marshall, but brought out Senator Benjamin F. Shively as a candidate for the presidential nomination. Indiana cannot have two candidates, and if Becker goes ahead with his Shively boom he may be able to accomplish something with it, for Becker has some influence in the party.

WHAT BECKER SAID.

Here is what Becker said that must have made Governor Marshall's left ear burn:

"I was not for Bryan in the last (Continued on Page Four.)"

### LANSING WOMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jacob Busch Gives Up After a Gallant Fight, Yesterday.

### HER BABE WILL SURVIVE

Details of Shocking Accident That Brought Death to Unfortunate Family.

After struggling for nearly a week to save her life against all odds, Mrs. Jacob Busch, the Lansing woman who was fatally burned a week ago today, succumbed to her injuries yesterday forenoon. She died at St. Margaret's hospital, where she had been taken in a bobbed on one of the coldest winter mornings of the year. She was at the hospital less than twenty-four hours when she gave birth to a son, a fourth child. Despite these two terrible ordeals the mother lived until yesterday morning. She was unconscious most of the time, however. Her infant son has evidently inherited the hardy constitution of the mother for he was less than twenty-four hours old when he had to brave the winter air in a trip to Lansing, there being no nursery at the hospital.

New-Born Babe Is Well.

From Lansing comes the report that the child is well and healthy and that it is now in the hands of a younger married sister of Mrs. Busch. The other three children are at home with the father, who is a laboring man.

Mrs. Busch was fatally burned last Wednesday morning when she arose at 2 o'clock in the morning to light a fire. A kerosene can from which she had poured oil into the flame exploded when the fire followed the stream into the can. That she lived as long as she did was surprising to everybody. The Busch's are Russians and have a number of relatives in Lansing.

The funeral was held there this afternoon. Services were held at the German Lutheran church at 1 o'clock, and burial took place in the Lansing cemetery.

### HICKEY WILL BE CANDIDATE

Word has been received by The Times from Laporte this afternoon that Republican District Chairman A. J. Hickey of that place will again be a candidate for re-election in Hammond, Feb. 1. The story that Mr. Hickey would be a candidate for Judge is unfounded. He will bring a strong delegation to Hammond to succeed himself.

### VILLAGE HALL IS WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Blaze Represents the Loss of Practically Ten Thousand Dollars.

### ATTRIBUTE FIRE TO TRAMPS

Village Board Will Probably Get Structure.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Burnham, Ill., Jan. 12.—Fire, thought to have been of incendiary origin, this morning destroyed the Burnham village hall, the building, including all the furniture and contents, being a total loss. The fire started in the hallway where there was no chance for it to start. There are no electric light wires in the building.

Mrs. Michna, living directly across from the building, was the first one to notice the burning building, which was then beyond saving. Even if the fire had been discovered earlier any attempts to save the building would have probably been ineffective, as there was no fire hose in the village with which to carry water. There was, however, a fire plug directly in front of the building, but the low water pressure that the village has this would have been ineffective. The taking over of the new pumping station was a matter which was to have come up at the regular board meeting this evening and the buying of fire hose was also a matter that would have been brought up in the near future.

Ten Thousand Dollar Loss.

The fire represents a loss of practically \$10,000, this including the cost of the building, \$6,500, and the furniture and contents of the building, \$3,500. The village hall was only completed (Continued on page five.)

### PROGRESS MADE IN ATHLETICS

Great progress is being made with the gymnasium classes of the Hammond Athletic association. There are now 164 members of these classes under the supervision of Director Stewart of the association. The classes are divided into four divisions, according to the size of the members.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 in the morning all of the classes met together. Six teams have been organized to compete in basketball, relay races and other athletic sports on Saturdays from 10 until 11:30 o'clock. Robert Smith, Fred Gescheider, Gordon Schillinglaw, Charles Van Gilder, Frank Woodman and Vernon Cupp are captains of class teams.

### Is A. F. Knotts Founder of the Northern Indianan a Competent Critic of Good Newspapers?

In view of the fact that Attorney A. F. Knotts took advantage of the fact that he was invited to speak before the Men's club of Hammond to make an attack upon the newspapers of Hammond to call them vilest, dirtiest and most slanderous he ever saw, The Times points to its evening edition of last night as a sample of what this paper is doing for the community. Referring to some of the leading articles, The Times printed the following:

1. Boosted the Hammond Athletic association's plan to organize a Northern Indiana baseball league.
2. Reported the purchase of the Western Steel Car & Foundry Co. by the Pressed Steel Car Co. Pointed out its beneficial effect on the region.
3. Gloried over the fact that the Gary & Western will soon run its trains to the business district of Hammond.
4. Printed Manager Green's statement of the advantages that would come to the city through the extension of his line.
5. Printed Attorney F. J. Lewis Meyer's denial of councilman's graft.
6. Printed story of riot at the Standard, under a small head.
7. Told of religious revival at Merrillville.
8. Printed story of riot at the Standard, under a small head.
9. Boosted the meeting of the Hammond Men's club.
10. Condemned presence of minors in pool rooms and pointed out dangers of evil associates.
11. Told of trip of three Hammond families to Cuba.
12. Gave a boosting account of the meeting of the North Side Improvement association.
13. Reported organization of Hammond Athletic association's basketball league.
14. Declared, editorially, that chairmanship of district republican organization should come to Lake county.

15. Gave an editorial boost to the plan for the annexation of Tolleston.
  16. Welcomed Governor Marshall to Lake county, editorially.
  17. Gave additional boost to Men's club meeting.
  18. Gave report of the sale of the Davidson foundry to Hubbard & Co. of Pittsburg and pointed out advantages to region.
  19. Told of the distribution of political plums by the Whiting councilmen.
  20. Pointed out how warmer weather helps business.
  21. Made interesting report of Engineer Alvord's recommendations to the Gary council, regarding cities' sewer systems.
  22. Printed report of Jackson day banquet at Lafayette.
  23. Told of the installation of officers in Gary's Masonic lodge to which Hammond people are invited.
  24. Told of the ordering of structural steel for the American Bridge company at Gary, which means much to region.
  25. Reported the big time that the East Chicago Eagles anticipated last night.
  26. Told of the arrest of youthful thieves at East Chicago.
  27. Reported that the annexation of Tolleston and Gary is nearer.
  28. Told of plans in East Chicago to solve the building of homes, problem which is of interest to every city in the region.
  29. Reported action of Gary council regarding its board of health.
  30. Printed several columns of social news and innumerable smaller items not worthy of separate mention.
- The Times is chronically optimistic. Success and optimism fairly ooze out of the paper. No matter what the Knottses and a few others have to say the Times will go on, everlastingly, and it forces the people of this region to recognize it as a great, clean, honest newspaper.

### MEN'S CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEETING LAST EVENING

If the Men's club had been the Hammond city council last night the city would have taken a long step forward. All in one evening and without getting their second wind, the speakers last night did wonderful things for Hammond.

F. S. Betz produced the plans and specifications and built about 500 model homes for workmen; W. B. Conkey made Hammond a beautiful and well ordered city and made it the residential district for the whole region; L. L. Bomberger eliminated a lot of railroad tracks and paid for the improvement out of the street frontage that was restored for business purposes; A. F. Knotts pointed out the necessity of the maintenance of Hammond's commercial supremacy and incidentally roasted the newspapers and A. M. Turner showed that it is the men that make a community.

Dream of Great City.

And after the 200 or 300 members of the Men's club had dreamed over a greater and more beautiful Hammond until they worked themselves up to a climax of excitement, they suffered a severe reaction, when later they came to the realization that after all most of those great reforms lie with the city administration, which is now quibbling over granting a much needed franchise, has done nothing toward the solution of the water question; has not responded to the demand for street extensions, and hesitates, while land is still cheap to buy parks and lay out boulevards.

But in the meantime the pressure in the steam gauge of public sentiment is rising, and the meeting last night hastened the day when the city officials of Hammond will be compelled to respond to the often manifested desire of the business men of the city for progress, real concrete evidence of progress.

Betz Plans Homes.

F. S. Betz was the first speaker on the program. Mr. Betz had gone to considerable expense to prepare the legal phases of the problem. Attorney L. L. Bomberger will talk on the preliminary steps, Frank S. Betz will talk on the cost. W. B. Conkey will speak of the benefits to be derived. A. M. Turner will take as his subject, "When and How Far." and then there will be a general discussion of the question.

The question of the letting of the lighting contract will be taken up by a representative of the local men who have put in a bid for the lighting of the streets. The meeting promises to be one of the most interesting of the year.

Conkey Has Plans.

Mr. Conkey said that Hammond should be made a home city. Other cities in the region have equal advantages as sites for manufacturing plants, but Hammond has greater advantages as the prospective residential center of the region.

Mr. Conkey spoke of the increase in the value of property in the vicinity of parks. He advocated the providing (Continued on page five.)

### REV. SNOOK RESIGNS HIS PASTORATE

The news came as something of a surprise that Rev. J. Snook of the First Presbyterian church of Hammond has tendered his resignation to the officials of the church and has accepted a call to Berwyn, a residential suburb of Chicago.

The call has come to Rev. Snook without solicitation on his part, and he has decided to accept. He will begin work in his new charge on the 1st of February.

Rev. Snook has been an important factor in the work of building up Boyville in this city. He has also been one of the chief promoters of the Men's club. Personally, he was well liked in Hammond, and he has made a host of friends during his stay here.

### DICKINSON WILL TAKE NEW JOB

Popular Hammond Railroad Man Resigns Position and Takes Important Post With Steen-Hirsch Co. in Chicago.

J. E. Dickinson, who has been for years has been the industrial agent for the Michigan Central railroad in the Calumet district, has resigned his position, and will accept a much better proposition as traffic manager for the Hirsch, Stein Co., with offices in Chicago.

Mr. Dickinson's resignation is to take effect Feb. 1, and it is possible that he will be succeeded by Dan Enright, who is said to be well qualified to fill this important position.

Will Be of Benefit.

Mr. Dickinson's work with the Hirsch-Stein company will be to use the knowledge he has gained through years of service in railroading for the purpose of properly routing the shipments of the Hirsch-Stein company and enabling it to get the very best rates obtainable through the wise selection of shipping routes.

In other words, while Mr. Dickinson has been working for the railroad's interests, he has now secured a position that will make it his business to work against the interests of the railroads. It is understood that, as valuable as Mr. Dickinson has been to the Michigan Central, they were unable to meet the offer that was made by Hirsch-Stein company.

However, Mr. Dickinson leaves the employ of the railroad with the best wishes of its officials for his future success. Mr. Dickinson has been largely responsible for the fact that the Michigan Central railroad is the most popular railroad in the city both for passenger and freight traffic.

Through His Influence.

It has been Mr. Dickinson's influence that has been in a measure responsible for the fact that the Michigan Central has done so much for Hammond in the way of right-of-way parks and depot facilities. This spring will probably see the construction of a fine new freight depot in this city, the result of his endeavor.

Mr. Dickinson will live in Hammond for the time being, but he expects to move to Chicago eventually. He will be greatly missed both in business and social circles, and the regret will be general that he and his estimable wife will eventually leave the city.

### AMATEUR BUTCHER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Lowell, Ind., Jan. 12.—Acher Kanaar, living on the west side, met with an accident Monday, that will confine him to the house for some time. While butchering pigs, in some manner he fell with a sharp butcher knife in his hand and in trying to balance himself the knife stuck the calf of his leg penetrating it to the bone. A physician was summoned and considerable difficulty was experienced in stopping the flow of blood. Mr. Kanaar is now confined to his bed, but is getting along as well as could be expected.

### BANKS ARE IN GREAT CONDITION

National Banks of Hammond Hold Annual Elections, and First National Reports \$52,000,000 Business in 1909.

The national banks of Hammond held their annual elections yesterday and are both reported to be in a flourishing condition. The First National Bank did \$52,000,000 worth of business last year and as this is an average of \$170,000 worth of business a year an idea of the size of this financial institution may be had. The officers and directors are very proud of the showing that has been made.

The officers of the Citizen's German National Bank also report that the past year has been a prosperous one despite the fact that the bank has been greatly handicapped by the lack of facilities due to the cramped quarters it has occupied while waiting for its new quarters to be finished.

The officers of the First National Bank are the same as last year and are as follows:

M. Turner president; John E. Fitzgerald, vice president; W. C. Belman, Cashier; W. F. Mashino, asst. cashier; M. M. Towie Jr., Asst. Cashier; Theodore Moor, asst. cashier.

Board of Directors—John E. Fitzgerald, W. G. Paxton, Peter W. Moyn, J. N. Beckman, A. M. Turner, W. C. Belman and P. S. Betz.

The officers of the Citizen's German National Bank are as follows:

George M. Rder, president; William B. Wells, vice president; E. S. Emerine, Cashier; Ruff, Secretary of the bank.

Others: Geo. M. Rder, William B. Wells, Peter Crumpacker, J. J. Ruff, Rev. H. M. Piaster, J. K. Stinson and A. H. Tapper.

### SHRINERS WILL GO TO NEW ORLEANS

The members of Orak Shrine in this city are making great preparations for the Shrine Cereemonial that is to be held at New Orleans in the spring. It is at this meeting that Hammond expects to get its shrine charter and a large number of Hammond and Lake County shriners will go to the metropolis of the south to be present when the charter is granted.

Before this takes place, however, there will be another shrine ceremonial in Hammond under the auspices of Orak temple. Dr. H. T. Sharrer, the Imperial Potentate of Orak Shrine, stated yesterday that the ceremonial next March will eclipse anything that has yet been attempted and that the members of the local shrine expect to have a class as large or larger than they did at the last ceremonial.

It is the ambition of the members of Orak temple to go to New Orleans with an enrollment of 200 or over. This will make the local shrine the second largest in the state.

The trip to New Orleans will be one of the finest that the local members of Orak temple have ever taken. The cost of the round trip to New Orleans will be only \$26 and a side trip to Cuba will be optional with the members for only \$7 to \$10 additional.

It is also announced that any one else who cares to make the trip to New Orleans on the occasion, whether they are Shriners or not, may do so at the reduced rates of fare.

### CONTEST POSTPONED

The declamation contest which was to be held Friday has been postponed on account of the fact that the examinations in the high school are expected a little later in the month, and many of the proposed contestants threatened to pull out of the contest on account of their studies.

No date has been set for the holding of this contest, which is to decide who will represent the high school in the county contest later on.

At the last meeting of the principals of the county high schools it was decided that a declamation contest would be held one year and an oratorical contest the next. This is the year for the declamation contest.

It is understood that about eight contestants were entered this year, and there will be that number who will compete when the contest is finally held.

WORK-WANTERS ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES.